Terrorism as a challenge to Government

†335. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorism is becoming a challenge for Government inside the country and on the borders in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating stringent steps to wipe it out; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these steps will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Govt. is aware of the challenge posed by terrorism, which has now become a global phenomenon. The Government remains fully committed to combating the menance of terrorism by way of a multi-pronged strategy. In pursuance of this strategy, the Government has taken various measures on political, legal, security and development fronts. The Government is willing to talk to all those groups who agree to abjure violence and surrender arms within the framework of the Indian Constitution. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in September, 2004 has the necessary provisions to deal with various aspects of terrorism. On the security front, the counter terrorism measures include effective border management to check infiltration across the borders, deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, heightened vigil and security arrangements in vulnerable areas and aound vital installations, strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing capabilities, particularly at the cutting edge level, augmentation and modernization of police forces and raising of India Reserve Battalions, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment with the Central and State Police Forces, and steps taken to achieve bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the global imperatives of terrorism.

Rise in suicide cases in the country

†336. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of those committing suicide in the country, is on the rise;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any steps to check such incidents of suicides;

(c) if so, the details of these steps and by when these are to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 113697, 113914 and 118112 number of suicides were reported in the country during the year 2004 to 2006 respectively, thus showing an increasing trend. The State/UT-wise number of suicides during 2004 to 2006 is enclosed in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) During the 11th Five Year Plan period, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under its re-strategised National Mental Health Programme having a component of District Mental Health Programme, *inter alia* envisages to cater for suicide prevention.

Statement

State/UT wise Number of Suicides during 2004-2006 in the country

Sl.No.		2004	2005	2006*
	State/UT	No. of Suicides	No. of Suicides	No. of Suicides
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13526	13442	13276
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	79	70	129
3.	Assam	2839	2846	3031
4.	Bihar	351	543	618

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Chhattisgarh	4495	4881	4626
6.	Goa	314	282	275
7.	Gujarat	4776	4765	5035
8.	Haryana	2082	2046	2316
9.	Himachal Pradesh	371	359	457
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	112	294	262
11.	Jharkhand	417	808	856
12.	Karnataka	11937	11557	12212
13.	Kerala	9053	9244	9026
14.	Madhya Pradesh	6795	5448	6435
15.	Maharashtra	14729	14426	15494
16.	Manipur	41	27	36
17.	Meghalaya	55	71	92
18.	Mizoram	60	55	70
19.	Nagaland	31	27	28
20.	Orissa	4215	4208	4065
21.	Punjab	645	588	772
22.	Rajasthan	3725	4178	4263
23.	Sikkim	98	109	145
24.	Tamil Nadu	12839	12076	12381
25.	Tripura	770	715	765
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3637	3449	3099
27.	Uttraranchal	237	273	326
28.	West Bengal	13424	15015	15725
	TOTAL (STATES):	111653	111802	115815
	UNION TERRITORIES			
29.	A & N Islands	122	139	133
30.	Chandigarh	75	89	80
31.	D & N Haveli	39	69	42
32.	Daman & Diu	13	32	22
33.	Delhi (UT)	1256	1245	1492
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	2
35.	Pondicherry	539	538	526
	TOTAL (UTs):	2044	2112	2297
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA):	113697	113914	118112

*Provisional data

Source: Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India